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DART TEAM ATTACKS DRUG ACTIVITY IN LINDA VISTA

Owners of Three Linda Vista Apartment Complexes Ordered to Take Steps to Stop Illegal Activity on Premises

San Diego, CA (June 7, 1999) --Tomorrow (June 8, 1999) at 8:30 in the morning, San Diego police officers will be posting drug abatement signs at three apartment complexes in Linda Vista. In a case brought by the City of San Diego's Drug Abatement Response Team (DART), San Diego Superior Court Judge J. Michael Bollman has granted a preliminary injunction against the owners of the Astro Vista Apartments, located at 2233-2295 Ulric Street, and the Linda Vista Apartments, located at 6932-7018 Fulton Street, and at 2701-2745 Ulric and 6865-6893 Osler Streets. The Court has ordered the owners to take action to address the serious drug and nuisance activity on their properties. Judge Bollman has also issued a restraining order against narcotic offenders previously arrested on the properties, forbidding them from coming within the immediate area of the properties.

The City of San Diego requested the injunction in response to the serious and ongoing problem of narcotic activity, loud late-night parties, and loitering at these apartments. The City's complaint alleges that the apartment owners maintained a public nuisance on the properties by deliberately failing to have adequate management, allowing illegal narcotic activity, and by failing to properly upkeep and maintain the properties. From January 1997 to December 1998, police made numerous arrests at the apartments for drug and nuisance activity. More than sixty declarations from police officers, tenants, and residents in the community were filed in support of the preliminary injunction.

San Diego City Councilmember Valerie Stallings, along with members of the DART team, will be present at the Astro Vista Apartments, tomorrow morning at 8:30 a.m. All media are invited to attend.

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"The City's DART unit is committed to responding to community issues and concerns that affect the quality of life in our neighborhoods," said City Attorney Casey Gwinn. DART is a partnership between the San Diego Police Department, Neighborhood Code Compliance, and the City Attorney's Office.

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